

‘ without any distinction ! Preserve the glorious title of sovereign of a free people : a title which surely would suffer some diminution, if more than an hundred thousand new subjects of your majesty in this province, who had submitted to your government, were to be excluded from your service, and deprived of the inestimable advantages which are enjoyed by your majesty’s antient subjects. May heaven, propitious to our wishes and our prayers, bestow upon your majesty a long and happy reign ! May the august family of Hanover, to which we have taken the most solemn oaths of fidelity, continue to reign over us to the end of time !

‘ We conclude by intreating your majesty to grant us, in common with your other subjects, the rights and privileges of citizens of England. Then our fears will be removed, and we shall pass our lives in tranquillity and happiness, and shall be always ready to sacrifice them for the glory of our prince and the good of our country.

‘ We are, with the most profound submission,

‘ Your majesty’s most obedient, most loyal, and most faithful subjects,

‘ Fr. Simonnet, &c. &c.’

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